

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas C. RUSSELL, et al.
Application No.: 10/601,689
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Title: Method and Apparatus for Providing a Selectively Isolated
Equipment Area Network for Machine Elements with Data
Communication Therebetween and with Remote Sites
TC/A.U.: 2446
Examiner: Benjamin R. BRUCKART
Docket No.: ED0100
Customer No.: 40582

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 18, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Specification are not included in this paper.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.